

BIBLE STUDY on JOHN (NIV) Part 1



John 1 v 1 - 18

The Word became flesh

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2. He was with God in the beginning. 3. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. 4. In Him was life, and that life was the

light of men. 5. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. 6. There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. 7. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through Him all men might believe. 8. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. (The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. 10. He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. 11. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. 12. Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children

of God - 13. children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14. The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15. John testifies concerning Him. He cries out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me'." 16. From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another. 17. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18. No one has ever seen God, but God the only Son, who is at the Father's

A. Write or print your answer to each question.

- Who was the "the Word"? _____ (v 1)
- Where was "the Word"? _____(v 1)
- What was in "the Word"? _____(v 4)
- Where does the light shine? in _____(v 5)
- Who was sent from God as a witness of the light? A man named _____(v 6)
- Who did not receive Jesus? His _____(v 11)
- What right is given to those who receive Jesus? Right to become the _____ (v 12)
- Those who are born of God, are born, "not of _____, nor of _____, or _____, but born of _____." (v 13)

[When a person becomes a son of God, it is a miracle that God Himself does. It does not happen by being born to Christian parents; it does not happen merely because you want it to happen; and it does not happen because someone else may want you to be born again. New birth is a work of God.]

- What did "the Word" become? _____(v 14)
- Where did "the Word" live? _____(v 14)
- What two things have we received when we have Christ? "From the _____ we have all received _____." (v 16)
- Because no one has ever seen God, who had to come to show us who God was? the only _____ (v 18)

[Because Jesus is God, He could be on earth at the same time that He was with the Father, where He had been from eternity. (Compare v 18 with v 1)]

B. Write out this verse and memorize it: John 1 v 12

Jesus is God - He came in Human Form

Before we can receive Jesus and believe on His name, we must know *who He is*. Verse 18 says that Jesus came to show God to us, because no one had ever been able to come close enough to God to see Him fully. God's glory is too bright. He is too holy. Because man is sinful, man lives in spiritual darkness. Darkness is this world which tries to ignore God and live without Him. But we see in verse 5 that the darkness could not put out the light.

The Bible says, "**God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.**" (1 John 1 v 5). Jesus, as God, was called the "**True**

Light" (verse 9). By the **True Light** man sees himself as he **truly** is, a sinner. And also by the **True Light** he can see what God is **truly** like. He can also see what man is **truly** supposed to be. How wonderful that the True Light (Jesus) shines in our dark world to show us God! As one little girl put it, "Jesus is the best picture God ever had taken!" Jesus is a picture of God - Someone men could see and hear and touch.

Jesus *lived* among men. The word "lived" in verse 14 literally means "tabernacled." Jesus *tabernacled* among us. The tabernacle in the Old Testament

was a tent-church designed by God when the people of Israel had to move from place to place in the early days of their history. The tabernacle - and later the temple in Jerusalem - was the place where the LORD God lived among His chosen people. Later, when Israel sinned, the Glory of God's presence left the temple. But now, in the Person of Jesus, God had returned to "tabernacle" among His own people! Isn't it too bad that so many did not recognize Him? But all who really believed in God saw God's glory in Jesus (verse 14) when He came.

Jesus is the Word of God

The Bible says, "**Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.**" (Psalm 119 v 105). Another name for Jesus is the "Word of God" (Compare verse 1

with verse 14). The Bible is God's *written Word*, and Jesus is God's *Living Word*, because God tells us about Himself by Jesus. "**In the past God spoke to our**

forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son ..." (Hebrews 1 v 1 & 2a).

Jesus is the Life of God

Have you ever wondered *why* we become sons (and daughters) of God when we receive Jesus into hearts? It is because "**in Him was life**" (verse 4).

First we see that Jesus made all living things (verses 3 & 10). "**... all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things and in Him all things hold together.**" (Colossians 1 v 16 b & 17). Jesus as God, is the *source* of all life. He also *sustains* (support, uphold) all life, "**... He Himself gives all men and life and breath and everything else. ... For in Him we live and move and have our being.**" (Acts 17 v 25 b & 28 a)

Just as man became a living soul when God breathed the breath of life into man's physical being at Creation, so also Jesus has been given power over all flesh, to give eternal (spiritual) life to as many as come to him. (John 17 v 2). "**He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.**"

Have you received new life - spiritual life - by receiving Jesus and putting your complete trust in His name? If you have, you are a son or daughter of God, born of God, and possess (has) His eternal life. As you walk in His light and more fully experience His life in

you, you will enjoy one blessing after another (verse 16). If you haven't received Him, won't you ask Him right now to come in and give you new life - His very own eternal life?

You have answered a knock on your door before, haven't you? Jesus is standing beside you right now, knocking on the door of your heart. He promises, "**Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with you, and he with me.**" (Revelation 3 v 20)